

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators McCracken, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brown, de Hueck, Dempster, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Duenwald, Duxbury, Earley, Greenfield, Ham, Jaspers, Kelly, Kleven, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, LaPointe, Moore, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Schoenbeck, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), Symens, and Vitter and Representatives Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Buckingham, Burg, Christensen, Cradduck, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Hackl, Hanson, Hargens, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Klaudt, Konold, Kraus, Kroger, Lange, LaRue, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Putnam, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Teupel, Thompson, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, Weems, Wick, and Williamson

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the President of the United States of America, the
2 United States Congress, and the United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, to
3 provide the best medical care for our servicemen, servicewomen, veterans, and their families.

4 WHEREAS, TRICARE is the Department of Defense's health care program for our nation's
5 servicemen and servicewomen and the Department of Veterans Affairs provides health care for
6 our nation's veterans; and

7 WHEREAS, funding for health care services of the Department of Veterans Affairs and for
8 TRICARE is being reduced, which will result in an increase in out-of-pocket expenses to our
9 nation's veterans, servicemen, and servicewomen; and



1 WHEREAS, veterans and those currently in the military have made many sacrifices for our
2 country and were promised that health care would be provided for them. They should not have
3 to be burdened with increased health care costs:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-eighth Legislature
5 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
6 Dakota Legislature strongly urges and advocates restoring the funding cuts affecting the
7 Department of Veterans Affairs and TRICARE; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate send copies of this
9 Resolution to the President of the United States of America, the United States Congress, and the
10 United States Secretary of Defense.